

A RESOLUTION concerning residential homes for the aged and  
supportive living facilities for the mentally ill.

WHEREAS, licensed residential homes for the aged and licensed supportive living facilities for the mentally ill occupy critically important areas within the continuum of health care services available to meet the diverse needs of Tennessee families; and

WHEREAS, these residential homes and supportive living facilities provide supervised, assisted-living residential environments at a fraction of the cost of nursing home or institutional care; and

WHEREAS, such residential homes and supportive living facilities, by successfully meeting the medical and social needs of low-income aged and/or mentally ill persons, save millions of dollars for Tennessee's taxpayers who would otherwise bear the cost of nursing home or insitutional care for such persons; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, for many years the state of Tennessee has operated modest pilot programs to reimburse a portion of the costs incurred by licensed residential homes for the aged (Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-320), and licensed supportive living facilities for the mentally ill (Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-330); and

WHEREAS, it is now appropriate for this body to take formal action to evaluate such pilot programs of reimbursement and to determine whether the amount and/or scope thereof should be increased or expanded; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this body hereby requests the General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee of the

Senate and the Health and Human Resources Committee of the House of Representatives to jointly study and evaluate the desirability and feasibility of increasing and/or expanding the amount or scope of the state's current programs of reimbursement for licensed residential homes for the aged and licensed supportive living facilities for the mentally ill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committees are urged to submit joint findings and recommendations not later than January 9, 1996, for action by the General Assembly.

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